[29th November 1928

Mr S. SATYAMURTI :—" Have they made any enquiry at all ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " No."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Will they make it now ? "

Management of criminal settlements by social workers.

* 872-C Q.—The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether during 1926–27 or 1927–28 any social workers offered to take up the work connected with the criminal settlements if entrusted and, if so, who they were and what was the Government's reply to them ; and

(b) whether the Government propose to change the management and, if not, why not ?

A.—M.R.Ry. Ramjee Rao Garu, M.L.C., requested the Government in 1927 to transfer to his charge the Sitanagaram and Stuartpuram settlements in the Guntur district. He was told that the transfer could not be made. The Salvation Army authorities are managing the settlements efficiently and the Government do not consider it desirable to change the present management.

Emigration

Working hours in the emigration depot at Avadi.

* 873-A Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the medical officer in charge of the emigration depot, Avadi, extracts work from labourers, both male and female, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and

(b) whether it is a fact that women emigrants are made to gather cow-dung in the forests throughout the day in the months of May, June and July ?

A.—The Government have no information but will enquire.

Inspection of the Avadi emigration depot by honorary visitors.

* 873-B Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the medical officer in charge of the emigration depot at Avadi, in the Chingleput district, refuses to allow honorary visitors to inspect the depot without his previous permission ;

(b) whether the Government have received any complaints that the medical officer treated Mr. M Seshachariyar, an honorary visitor, with scant courtesy since he tried to inspect the depot without the previous permission of the officer ;

(c) whether there is any rule that honorary visitors should visit the depots only after giving previous notice and after obtaining the permission of the medical officer ; and

(d) if the answer to clause (c) be in the affirmative, what the purpose of the visit of non-official honorary visitors to the depot is and what are their duties ?